CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method for bar code-based electronic commerce, comprising the steps of:

2   (a)   receiving a representation of a bar code at a terminal from a user, wherein the

3   representation of the bar code is obtained by scanning a bar code of an item;

4   (b)   presenting information relating to obtaining the item on a display of the

5   terminal;

6   (c)   receiving input from the user in response to the presented information, wherein

7   the user input is for obtaining the item.

1   2.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is a rental item, wherein the

2   information presented includes rental information.

1   3.   A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the user input includes payment

2   information for paying a rent of the rental item.

1   4.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is a product, wherein the

2   terminal dispenses the product upon receiving payment information from the

3   user.

1   5.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is a product, wherein the

2   terminal dispenses a ticket upon receiving payment information from the user,

3   wherein the ticket is exchanged for possession of the product.

1   6.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is a product, wherein the

2   product is sent to the user after receiving payment information from the user.

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1 7.   A computer program product for bar code-based electronic commerce,
2   comprising:
3 (a)   computer code for receiving a representation of a bar code at a terminal from a
4   user, wherein the representation of the bar code is obtained by scanning a bar
5   code of an item;
6 (b)   computer code for presenting information relating to obtaining the item on a
7   display of the terminal;
8 (c)   computer code for receiving input from the user in response to the presented
9   information, wherein the user input is for obtaining the item.

1 8.   A computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the item is a rental
2   item, wherein the information presented includes rental information.

1 9.   A computer program product as recited in claim 8, wherein the user input
2   includes payment information for paying a rent of the rental item.

1 10.   A computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the item is a product,
2   wherein the terminal dispenses the product upon receiving payment information
3   from the user.

1 11.   A computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the item is a product,
2   wherein the terminal dispenses a ticket upon receiving payment information
3   from the user, wherein the ticket is exchanged for possession of the product.

1 12.   A computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the item is a product,
2   wherein the product is sent to the user after receiving payment information from
3   the user.

1 13.   A system for bar code-based electronic commerce, comprising:

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2   (a)   clogic for receiving a representation of a bar code at a terminal from a user,

3   wherein the representation of the bar code is obtained by scanning a bar code of

4   an item;

5   (b)   clogic for presenting information relating to obtaining the item on a display of

6   the terminal;

7   (c)   clogic for receiving input from the user in response to the presented information,

8   wherein the user input is for obtaining the item.

1   14.   A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the item is a rental item, wherein the

2   information presented includes rental information.

1   15.   A system as recited in claim 14, wherein the user input includes payment

2   information for paying a rent of the rental item.

1   16.   A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the item is a product, wherein the

2   terminal dispenses the product upon receiving payment information from the

3   user.

1   17.   A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the item is a product, wherein the

2   terminal dispenses a ticket upon receiving payment information from the user,

3   wherein the ticket is exchanged for possession of the product.

1   18.   A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the item is a product, wherein the

2   product is sent to the user after receiving payment information from the user.